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SUBJECT: AKHBAR: SADAT AND FORD TO MEET IN EUROPE JUNE 2-3

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- 1. FINAL EDITION OF AKHBAR MAY 2 HAS FRONT PAGE STORY CITING REUTER'S REPORT, WHICH QUOTED DIPLOMATIC SOURCE IN WASHINGTON, THAT PRESIDENT FORD WILL MEET PRESIDENT SADAT IN EUROPE IN EARLY JUNE TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN THE ME. STILL CITING REUTER, ARTICLE CLAIMS IT IS DECIDED THAT A COMMUNIQUE WILL BE ISSUED MAY 2 BY THE WHITE HOUSE AND EGYPTIAN PRESIDENCY ABOUT THIS MEETING.
- 2. AKHBAR SAYS EGYPTIAN RADIO WILL BROADCAST TONIGHT AT 1500 GMT NEWS OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE CONCERNING AN INTERNATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 2 AND 3 IN AN EUROPEAN CITY. NEWS WILL BE RELEASED IN FORM OF COMMUNIQUE FROM CAIRO AND FROM A MAJOR WESTERN CAPITAL. ARTICLE GOES ON TO SAY PRESIDENT SADAT RECENTLY RECEIVED A POLITICAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD WHICH DIPLOMATIC SOURCES DESCRIBED AS "POSITIVE" AND WHICH INDICATED THAT US GIVES REAL IMPORTANCE AT FINDING WAY OUT (OF THE DIPLOMATIC IMPASSE) AFTER FAILURE OF KISSINGER'S CONFIDENTIAL

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MISSION. PRESIDENT FORD, ARTICLE SAYS, HAS RECEIVED REPLY

FROM SADAT. LATTER WAS EAGER TO INFORM ASAD OF THE SUBJECT OF THESE TWO MESSAGES AND DEPUTIZED VP MUBARAK TO DO SO.

- 3. AKHBAR ARTILCE ALSO SAYS IMPORTANT MEETINGS WHICH HAVE BEEN HELD IN WHITE HOUSE AND STATE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING ME SITUATION HAVE RESULTED IN THE MESSAGE WHICH PRESIDENT FORD SENT TO SADAT. AMERICAN CIRCLES CONSIDER FORD'S MESSAGE "A NEW STEP" ON HIS PART TO AFFIRM THE AMERICAN RESOLVE TO ACHIEVE PEACE IN ME.
- 4. AKHBAR STOP PRESS ITEM SAYS CITY OF STRASBOURG WILL WITNESS GREAT INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY NEXT JUNE.
- 5. COMMENT: NEITHER AHRAM NOR GUMHURIYYA CARRY SIMILAR STORY EXCEPT IN THEIR FIRST EDITION WHICH ANNOUNCED SADAT WOULD HAVE MEETING WITH INTERNATIONAL PERSONALLTY SOON.
- 6. PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF STATE 102556, WE HAD DECLINED TO COMMENT ON INQUIREIES MADE BY LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS OF AP, UPI, ABC, BBC, AHRAM.

REUTER, TIME AND GUMHURIYYA. REFTEL JUST RECEIVED. WE SHALL REFER ALL FURTHER QUIERIES TO WASHINGTON. EILTS

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